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1. AT VERY TIME WE BEING ASKED TO PUSH YUGOSLAVS TO
HOST 12 CONGRESSMEN PLUS STAFF FOR FOUR DAY SOJOURN ON
TWO WEEKS NOTICE, WE INSTRUCTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE TO TELL THEM
THAT GLIGOROV CANNOT BE RECEIVED BY US CONGRESS FOR EVEN
A SINGLE DAY UNTIL SOME UNDEFINED DATE NEXT SPRING. DOES
THE RIGHT HAND KNOW WHAT LEFT HAND IS DOING? THIS IS THE
HEIGHT OF INSENSITIVITY. IT COMES JUST AT TIME PARTY
SECRETARY AND TITO-SUCCESSION FIGURE DOLANC FINALLY
AGREED TO START SENDING THEIR POLITICAL COMERS TO US--THUS
LAUNCHING A POLITICAL DIALOGUE WHICH IS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST
POLICY PRIORITIES.

2. ON GLIGOROV, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT GO BACK TO HAMILTON
AND O'NEIL TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION. IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE THAT
CONGRESS WILL NOT BE IN SESSION IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER?
I ANY EVENT, CONGRESS AND USG CANNOT IMPOSE REPEATEDLY ON
YUGOSLAVS (IN CURRENT CASE IN MIDST OF THEIR AUGUST
VACATION) WITHOUT RECIPROCATING. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY APPROACH
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BASED ON REF C GLIGOROV'S OFFICE HAS JUST TOLD US THAT NOVEMBER
PERIOD WOULD BE FINE (BUT THAT EXACT DATES DEPEND ON
US). WE NEED A FIRM DATE FOR GLIGOROV VISIT BEFORE
WE CAN COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH HIS OFFICE. AFTER MANY
MONTHS OF DELAY FROM US SIDE WE CANNOT NOW GO TO THEM
WITH SOMETHING AS VAGUE AND UNFORTHCOMING AS "NEXT
SPRING".

3. ON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CODEL, IN ORDER TO PLAN
USEFUL VISIT WE NEED DETAILS PROMISED REF B IMMEDIATELY.
MOST GOY OFFICIALS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS VACATION IN

AUGUST (OFTEN FOR ENTIRE MONTH) AND UNLESS WE KNOW
PURPOSE OF VISIT
AND DESIRES OF CODEL WE UNABLE TO
GUARANTEE THAT LAST MINUTE SCHEDULING WILL INSURE
MEANINGFUL PROGRAM. BUT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT, I AM WILLING
TO BET THE GOY WILL DO BETTER BY US THAN WE SEEM ABLE TO DO WITH
GLIGOROV.
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